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SUBJECT: DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR AMAN CROP PADDY/RICE
ANNOUNCED.

1. BDG HAS ANNOUNCED A PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNTRY-WIDE PROCUREMENT OF PADDY/RICE FROM THE NEXT AMAN CROP ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. NO PROCUREMENT PRICE HAS BEEN RELEASED. IN THE BORDER AREA, COMPULSORY PROCUREMENT OF PADDY SUCH AS EXISTED IN PAKISTANI DAYS HAS BEEN REINSTITUTED BUT NO PROCUREMENT PRICE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. THE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM WHICH BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 15 IS EXPECTED TO PROCURE 350,000 TO 400,00 MT OF PADDY AND MILLED RICE.

2. THE PROCUREMENT PRICE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED IS VARIOUSLY STATED AS "RULING MARKET PRICE" OR "REASONABLY ATTRACTIVE PRICE".

3. EACH SUBDIVISION OF THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE A PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE PROCUREMENT.

4. FARMERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE PRIORITIES FOR LOANS AND INPUTS OF FERTILIZERS, HYV SEEDS,
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PESTICIDES, ETC.

5. PAYMENT OF THE STATED PROCUREMENT PRICE WILL BE "ON-THE-SPOT"
AND BY COMMERCIAL BANKS.

6. FARMERS CAN DELIVER THEIR SURPLUS STOCKS DIRECTLY TO THE
GOVERNMENT GODOWNS OR THE GRAIN PICKED UP AT FARM GATE/BY/APPROVED
GRAIN DEALERS. IN AREAS WHERE NO GOVERNMENT GODOWNS EXIST,
TEMPORARY PURCHASING CENTERS WILL BE OPENED AS NEEDED. AT PRESENT
THERE ARE STORAGE FACILITIES FOR 1.0 MILLION MT OF PADDY/RICE.

7. NO NEW STAFF WILL BE EMPLOYED IN THE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM AS
MOST GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AT DIFFERENT DISTRICT LEVELS WILL
WORK TO MAKE THE PROCUREMENT DRIVE A SUCCESS.

8. COMMENT: PROCUREMENT PRICE FOR BOOX COMPULSORY AND VOLUNTARY
PROCUREMENT NEEDED TO FULLY ASSESS PROGRAM'S POTENTIAL SUCCESS. AS
SOON AS THE PROCUREMENT PRICE IS RELEASED, A REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED
IN FAS SERIES GIVING DETAILED COMMENTS.
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